25.402 General.

(a)

- (1) The Trade Agreements Act (19 U.S.C.2501, et seq.) provides the authority for the President to waive the Buy American statute and other discriminatory provisions for *eligible products* from countries that have signed an international trade agreement with the *United States*, or that meet certain other criteria, such as being a *least developed country*. The President has delegated this waiver authority to the U.S. Trade Representative. In *acquisitions* covered by the *WTO GPA*, Free Trade Agreements, or the Israeli Trade Act, the U.S. Trade Representative has waived the Buy American statute and other discriminatory provisions for *eligible products*. *Offers* of *eligible products* receive equal consideration with *domestic offers*.
- (2) The *contracting officer shall* determine the origin of services by the country in which the firm providing the services is established. See <u>subpart 25.5</u> for evaluation procedures for supply contracts covered by trade agreements.
- (b) The value of the *acquisition* is a determining factor in the applicability of trade agreements. Most of these dollar thresholds are subject to revision by the U.S. Trade Representative approximately every 2 years. The various thresholds are summarized as follows:

Table 1 to Paragraph (b)

| Trade Agreement | Supply Contract (equal to or exceeding) | Service Contract (equal to or exceeding) | Construction Contract (equal to or exceeding) |
|--|---|--|---|
| WTO GPA | \$183,000 | \$183,000 | \$7,032,000 |
| FTAs | | | |
| Australia FTA | 92,319 | 92,319 | 7,032,000 |
| Bahrain FTA | 183,000 | 183,000 | 12,001,460 |
| CAFTA-DR (Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua) | 92,319 | 92,319 | 7,032,000 |
| Chile FTA | 92,319 | 92,319 | 7,032,000 |
| Colombia FTA | 92,319 | 92,319 | 7,032,000 |

| Korea FTA | 100,000 | 100,000 | 7,032,000 |
|-------------------|---------|---------|------------|
| Morocco FTA | 183,000 | 183,000 | 7,032,000 |
| USMCA | | | |
| -Mexico | 92,319 | 92,319 | 12,001,460 |
| Oman FTA | 183,000 | 183,000 | 12,001,460 |
| Panama FTA | 183,000 | 183,000 | 7,032,000 |
| Peru FTA | 183,000 | 183,000 | 7,032,000 |
| Singapore FTA | 92,319 | 92,319 | 7,032,000 |
| Israeli Trade Act | 50,000 | - | - |

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